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**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Grafton Board of Health**  
**March 6, 2023**

A meeting of the Grafton Board of Health was held on March 6, 2023 and conducted remotely via Zoom. Present was Karen Gwozdowski Gauvin, Chair; Austin Magnant, William Muller, Daniel J. Finn and Jennifer Maynard. Staff and invited guests present were Micah Blondeau, Regional Public Health Specialist (CMRPH); Amelia Houghton, RN, Public Health Nurse (CMRPHA); Cherry Tangri, Public Health Prevention Specialist (Tobacco) with the CMRPHA and Nancy Connors, Office Manager

A motion was made by Dan Finn to open the meeting at 6:30 p.m., seconded by Austin Magnant via roll call vote: Dan Finn, Austin Magnant, William Muller, Jennifer Maynard and Karen Gwozdowski Gauvin all ayes.

***VILLAGE DAIRY TOBACCO VIOLATION***

Cherry reported that she did an Enforcement Inspection on February 21, 2023 and found them to have their cigar prices for single cigars incorrectly priced at \$2.50 (the old price) but all packs of 2 or more were correct. They were changing the prices right away, so she left them with a Warning. Upon reinspection on March 6, 2023 they had corrected all cigar prices for single cigars.

***ULTRA MART TOBACCO VIOLATIONS***

Cherry updated the Board on their violations.

**Violation of Self-Service Displays (1<sup>st</sup> Violation):**

March 6, 2023 a random retail inspection was conducted and she found both humidors open. She has given them several warnings in the past for the same issue. This date she asked the clerk (Shreya) to lock them immediately. This is a violation of MGL Chapter 270 Section 6, New Tobacco Law: Sale of Tobacco Products and Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems. This is also a violation of Town of Grafton Board of Health Regulations: Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products, Section C: Definitions – Self Service Display. Being a first violation a fine of \$1,000 shall be imposed. A motion was made by Dan Finn to impose a fine of \$1,000 to Ultra Mart at 215 Worcester Street, seconded by Austin Magnant via roll call vote: Dan Finn, Austin Magnant, William Muller, Jenn Maynard and Karen Gwozdowski Gauvin all ayes.

**Sale of Flavored Rolling Papers (1<sup>st</sup> Violation):**

March 6, 2023 a random retail inspection was conducted and she found flavored rolling papers (Twisted Hemp Wraps) over the counter. During the inspection the store clerk (Shreya) was asked to remove all flavored tobacco product enhancers (rolling papers) from the premises immediately. This is a violation of the Town of Grafton Board of Health Regulations: Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products, Section H: Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products Prohibited. The clerk was made aware of the regulations and associated fines regarding violations: \$1,000 for first violation; \$2,000 for second violation within 36 months; and \$5,000 for a third or subsequent violations within 3 months. This violation is a WARNING ONLY.

***CMRPHA UPDATE***

Micah reported the following inspections: 11 Food, 1 Hot Tub, 2 Septic Components, 4 Title 5 Inspection Report Reviews and 1 As-built with Certificate of Compliance issued.

Amelia reported last month Blood Pressure Clinics were added at Maxwell Drive & Forest Lane, in addition to the one at the Senior Center. On March 9<sup>th</sup> will be a COVID-19 clinic at the Senior Center open to all residents of Grafton.

### ***COVID-19 UPDATES***

As of March 3, 2023 Grafton has 4,148 confirmed positive cases. Residents still need to take precautions such as wearing masks especially in crowded places, around the elderly and immune compromised. Vaccine and boosters are still available. On the Federal emergency, what impact will there be on the immunizations. At some point this will not be a federal mandate it will change, making the decision go from State supply to private. Amelia will finalize and report back at the next meeting.

### ***RABIES CLINIC***

April 1<sup>st</sup> will be the clinic. Nancy and Dan met with Tufts personnel. Grafton residents only and pre-registration is a requirement. Dogs from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and cats and ferrets from 11:00 a.m. to Noon. Town Clerks office will be open for licensing until 11:00 a.m. only. Three Vets will be administering the vaccine. No fees will be charged for the vaccine. A flyer will be made up and posted on social media and Grafton News.

### ***MINUTES***

Motion made by Dan Finn to accept the minutes of August 15, September 12, October 24, November 14, December 12, 2022 and January 9 and February 6, 2023 as written, seconded by Austin Magnant via roll call vote: Dan Finn, Austin Magnant, William Muller, Jenn Maynard and Karen Gwozdowski Gauvin all ayes.

### ***OLD/NEW BUSINESS***

Meetings going forward will be conducted Hybrid via remote participation (Zoom) and in person in Conference Room A or F (check individual agendas for which Conference Room).

Dan met with Sarah Daragalanis, EDS Planner for Region 2, and updated the contact information for Grafton. A new digital system is being implemented that will be more user friendly in making changes.

### ***MAIL/CORRESPONDENCE***

None

### ***UPCOMNG MEETINGS***

April 3, 2023 Conference Room A & Via Zoom  
May 1, 2023 Conference Room A & Via Zoom  
June 5, 2023 Conference Room A & Via Zoom

### ***ADJOURN***

A motion was made by Dan Finn to adjourn at 7:20 p.m., seconded by Austin Magnant via roll call vote: Dan Finn, Austin Magnant, William Muller, Jenn Maynard and Karen Gwozdowski Gauvin all ayes.

These minutes were accepted at the April 3, 2023 meeting.